SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, Andhra Pradesh has proposed to have an elephant safari in the Thirumala Hills between Alipari and Kalyani. The entire area would be surrounded by elephant proof wall-cum-moat over an approximate length of 26 kilometres. Measures for improvement of habitat and augmentation of water supply would also be taken. The estimated cost of the project is about Rs. 4.1 crores. There are other measures under various other schemes which are being taken for the protection of elephant habitat.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Uniformity in Administration of Universities

*370. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring uniformity in the administration of various universities;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme drawn up for this purpose; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Central Government to bring uniformity in the administration of universities.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Adulterated Gulal

*371. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Gulal can damage the eyes" appearing in the Indian Express dated February 27, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that only pure gulal is allowed to be sold in the open markets;

(d) the number of gulal samples lifted in 1991 and how many of them were found to be adulterated; and

(e) the action taken against the persons responsible for supplying adulterated gulal in the market?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the information available from the National Society for Prevention of Blindness (NSPB), 'GULAL' contains mica and is generally adulterated with sand, brick power and the like when sold in the market. While smearing gulal at the time of playing Holi, the colour powder can get into the eyes and damage cornea leading to abrasions which may lead to loss of sight.

(c) to (e). Gulal is not a 'Cosmetic' as defined in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. As such the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare do not control the sale of Gulal in the open market. The hazardous aspects of its use require public education and awareness.